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SUBJ: GOA'S REQUEST FOR TRAINING ASSISTANCE IN SHIPYARD MANAGEMENT

IEF: ALGIERS 1152

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM DIRECTOR OF "OFFICE NATIONAL DE CONSTRUCTION NAVALE" (ONCN), ALGERIA'S ONLY SHIP BUILDING AND OVERHAUL ORGANIZATION, REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN TRAINING. ONCN DOES NEARLY ALL OVERHAUL AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE NATIONAL SHIPPING COMPANY, CNAN, BUT IS, HOWEVER, A MILITARY ORGANIZATION. IT IS UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE; ITS DIRECTOR IS A MILITARY OFFICER, AND ITS HEADQUARTERS ARE LOCATED AT THE MERS-EL-KEBIR (MEK) NAVAL BASE NEAR ORAN.

2. TEXT OF LETTER, AS TRANSLATED BY EMBASSY AND WITH UNECESSARY COMPLIMENTARY PHRASES OMITTED, AS FOLLOWS:

"SUBJECT - TRAINING OF GROUP TO MANAGE MEK SHIPYARD.

"WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM OF THE FUTURE SHIPYARD OF MEK, WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER A POSSIBLE AMERICAN PARTICIPATION TOWARD THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ALGERIAN NAVAL INDUSTRY.

THEREFORE, WE ASK WHETHER IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO SEND SOME ONCN TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICIALS, WHO ALREADY OCCUPY OR WILL OCCUPY POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SHIPYARD, TO AN AMERICAN SHIPYARD TO RECEIVE SPECIALIZED TRAINING IN

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MARITIME CONSTRUCTION, SPECIFICALLY:

- MARITIME ARCHITECTURE
- MARITIME MECHANICS (EQUIPMENT)
- ADMINISTRATION (TRAINING AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, ORGANIZATION)
- MARITIME ECONOMICS.

"AWAITING YOUR REPLY, I REMAIN ETC."

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE PRELIMINARY REPLY TO GIVE ONCN DIRECTOR SOONEST. WE REALIZE THERE SEVERAL UNANSWERED QUESTIONS WHICH NEED BE RESOLVED BEFORE DEFINITE ANSWER CAN BE GIVEN (E.G. HOW LONG A TRAINING PERIOD? ALL IN ONE SHIPYARD? LANGUAGE PROBLEMS? WHAT TYPE OF SHIPYARD?), BUT HOPEFULLY AN ANSWER "IN PRINCIPLE" CAN BE GIVEN SOON. GIVEN AMBIGUOUS NATURE OF ONCN EMBASSY BELIEVES RESPONSE APPROPRIATELY CAN COME EITHER FROM US CIVILIAN OR MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

4. AT RISK OF BELABORING OBVIOUS, EMBASSY WISHES POINT OUT THAT PROGRAM SUCH AS THIS IS IDEAL FORM OF FOLLOW-UP TO THIS SPRING'S SUCCESSFUL NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE VISIT (REFTEL PARA 5B). WE HOPE RESPONSE CAN BE AFFIRMATIVE. HAYNES

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